

To: Armstead, John A.[Armstead.John@epa.gov]
From: Libertz, Catherine
Sent: Fri 1/10/2014 3:31:26 PM
Subject: RE: WHO IN LCD? FW: Freedom Chemical Spill - RICT Mtg./Conference Call

Thanks, John.

From: Armstead, John A.
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 10:31 AM
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Thanks Cathy. Based on the information we have to this point, we are on the sidelines in responding to this emergency. Depending on what develops, we may need to look at violations of program requirements most likely in the RCRA area so Carol would be one to alert. But not at this time. We are in a listening mode at 11. I plan to call in as well.

John A. Armstead, Director

Land & Chemicals Division (3LC00)

Leadership - Commitment - Determination

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Hi, John. I am going to sit in for this, so I can certainly bring the info back. Just wanted to alert whichever manager(s) may potentially have any connection to something like this, and want to make sure I cover everyone. Can you let me know the appropriate folks that you recommend to bring in on this?

Thanks!

Cathy

From: Matsinger, Josie

Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 9:51 AM

To: Aquino, Marcos; Armstead, John A.; Beers, Samantha; Borsellino, Ron; Burns, Francis; Capacasa, Jon; D'Andrea, Michael; DiPasquale, Nicholas; Esher, Diana; Fala, Geoffrey; Garvin, Shawn; Goodwin, Jada; Heston, Gerald; Hodgkiss, Kathy; Libertz, Catherine; Marzulli, Linda; Matsinger, Josie; Mulkey, Marcia; Pomponio, John; Rodriguez, Norman; Schadel, Chuck; Steuteville, William; Tate, Rita; Werner, Lora; White, Terri-A; Wisniewski, Patti-Kay; Wright, Dave

Cc: Matlock, Dennis; Linden, melissa

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Follow-up Information:

Location: RRC/EOC

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Time: 1100 hrs

Chair: Karen Melvin

Roll Call

Overview of incident and Status of Response - Fran Burns/Dave Wright

Update: OSC Matlock and OPR Coordination Activities –

Update: Water Treatment Plant Status - Patty Wisniewski

Media/Congressional Interest

Action Items

BACKGROUND: Yesterday, there was a chemical spill from Freedom Industries, which is an old Pennzoil Refinery. The spilled chemical was 4-methylcyclohexane methanol, which is used in coal preparation and processing. Spill into the ELK River occurred sometime earlier in the day and there was an early report of an odor. The Gov of WV declared a state of emergency for at least five counties. The Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant detected the chemical even after the increased carbon treatment effort.

WV issued an order to not drink cook or bathe in the water, which affects approximately 100,000 people. WV is conducting additional water sampling. The Civil Support Team is also deployed to the WVEOC to assist in supplying water to residents. The WV EOC is operational but have not requested EPA assistance. OSC Dennis Matlock has contacted WV DEP Mike Dorsey and offered EPA assistance.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: EPA OSCs Matlock and Linden are enroute to Charleston with START contractor to assist in any sampling activities if requested. They have been in contact with FEMA and will meet up with the IMAT (incident management assistance team) upon his arrival. In anticipation that we will need to staff the ESF-10 desk at the FEMA Region 3 Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC), the RRC has sent a request for availability to the RSC membership for volunteers to serve as Watchstander at the FEMA offices here in Philadelphia. Until 7:00 pm this evening, Fred MacMillan from HSCD is scheduled to staff the ESF-10 desk.

As always, we will follow the RICT protocols for deployment of any RSC staff which includes: 1) reminding the RSC members to discuss with their supervisor their interest prior to volunteering; 2) obtaining Deputy Director approval/clearance prior to deployment; and, 3) checking with ORC on whether the employee to be deployed is needed for any enforcement matters.